kept in original position for further observation. Some surface cracks have occurred over the years due to oxidization of iron clamps used for joining of stones, besides thermal cracks and stress cracks. These cracks are being attended to by the Archaeological Survey of India on a continuous basis.

Incident of Armymen in Kashmir

1885. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :
SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR :
SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Jawan runs amok, kills Col." appearing in 'The Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated June 17, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government have conducted or propose to conduct an inquiry into the causes of such incidents in which army men have been killing their superiors or colleagues;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to prevent such incidents occurring in the army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) An army Havildar shot dead a Colonel, a Captain and two Subedars before killing himself at Hirpur in Jammu & Kashmir on 15th June, 1997.

A study has been ordered at the level of Army Headquarters to go into these incidents.

Air Borne Warning and Control Systems by IAF

1886. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has proposed requirement of Rs. 3000 crore for Airborne Warning and Control Systems;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given its approval; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to ensure optimum utilisation of air defence aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) A proposal has recently come from the IAF for acquisition/ development of Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), which is under consideration.

[Translation]

Army Training Command

1887. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Army Training Command has been set up for deciding principles regarding contemporary and future methods of war;

(b) if so, whether certain rules are evolved and published in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of Training Commands set up so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) An Army Training Command has been set up to assist the Army in its preparedness for war by developing and disseminating concepts and doctrines (including logistics) for current and future warfare at operational and tactical levels and acting as the nodal agency for institutional training.

Army Headquarters have issued, for internal circulation, administrative instructions on the functions and charter of duties of the Army Training Command.

[English]

Construction of Airport at Bijapur

1888. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has already been conducted for the construction of Airport at Bijapur in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether any place has been identified for the proposed airport at Bijapur;

(c) whether the State Government has agreed to provide land and other infrastructural facilities for the proposed airport;

(d) whether any budget provision has been made for the proposed airport during 1997-98;

(e) whether the Government intend to construct the proposed airport by private sector;

(f) if so, the details of the MOU, if any, entered into between private parties and the Government; and

(g) the estimated cost of the proposed airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A site 6 kms. from Bijapur city has been identified by an AAI team for the construction of a new airport for 50-seater aircraft, at the request of the State Government.

(c) Approximately 300 acres of land have been identified by the State Government for the purpose.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) No decision has been taken on this aspect so far.

Exodus of Army Officers

1889. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the possible exodus of large scale army officer after the implementation of the Pay Commission report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether technically efficient officers are planning to quit their jobs in view of more attractive and better facilities in other fields; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) There is no information with the Government suggesting a large scale exodus of Army Officers after the implementation of the Pay Commission report.

As per available records, the percentage of technically qualified Army Officers who have applied for premature retirement from Army after submission of the report of Pay Commission is less than one per cent of their actual cadre strength. The percentage of those who have been granted premature retirement is still less. It can not, therefore, be concluded that a large number of technically qualified people are planning to leave the Army.

The existing rules provide for premature retirement from service under certain conditions such as supersession, compassionate reasons of a personal nature, etc. However, each request for premature retirement is examined in accordance with guidelines issued from time to time and ample precautions are taken to ensure that the interests of the services are not jeopardised or compromised.

[Translation]

Expenditure on Ports

1890. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge expenditure which were incurred at various ports in the country in the last years have not been fruitful;

(b) if so, the details of expenditure incurred on each port, separately;

(c) whether the attention of the Government on the above unnecessary expenditure has been drawn through the reports of Comptroller and Auditor General;

(d) if so, the directions issued by the Government from time to time to check such expenditures; and

(e) the names of ports and plants which have not been utilised till March, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Reports have been received from the Comptroller and Auditor General regarding alleged infructuous expenditure in some cases and these are under examination in consultation with the concerned major ports.

(e) The details of the utilisation of the plan outlays by various Major Ports during 1996-97 is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Details of Utilization of Plan Outlays by various Major Ports during 1996-97.

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No.	Name of the Port	Approved Outlay for 1996-97	Expenditure incurred	% utilisation
1.	Calcutta/Haldia	42.50	26.21	63
2.	Mumbai	74.60	89.95	121
3.	JL Nehru	68.00	49.88	73
4.	Chennai	115.00	96.57	84
5.	Cochin	7.00	7.56	108
6.	Vizag	45.00	42.79	95
7.	Kandla	35.00	15.84	45
8.	Mormugao	12.50	18.51	148
9.	Paradip	107.00	62.01	58
10.	New Mangalore	40.00	56.61	142
11.	Tuticorin	30.00	18.30	61
	Total	576.60	484.23	84

Air Facility to Neemach in Madhya Pradesh

1891. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a demand has been made by the Aviation Club and other people's representatives of Neemach in Madhya Pradesh to link this place with air facility;